

United States President's Emergency Plan for AIDS Relief (PEPFAR)

Caribbean Regional Partnership Framework for HIV/AIDS

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The U.S. President's Emergency Plan for AIDS Relief (PEPFAR) is a world wide program launched in 2003 to combat and limit the spread of the HIV/AIDS disease. PEPFAR represents the largest commitment in history made by a nation to a single disease and since its inception has treated over 2 million HIV-infected persons, provided care for over 10 million and prevented 7 million new infections.

***The U.S. Government Agencies of PEPFAR:***

- Centers for Disease Control (CDC)
- U.S. Agency for International Development (USAID)
- Department of Defense
- Peace Corps
- Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA)
- Department of State

Started in 2009, PEPFAR's Caribbean Regional Program, is coordinated from the U.S. Embassy in Barbados, under the aegis of the Office of the Global AIDS Coordinator (OGAC) in Washington D.C.



The Caribbean region has the second highest rate of HIV/AIDS prevalence in the world, second only to Sub-Saharan Africa. The AIDS epidemic continues to be the leading cause of death among Caribbean adults age 25-44 years of age and has left nearly a quarter of a million Caribbean children orphaned. In 2007, some 14,000 Caribbean nationals died of AIDS, and an estimated 20,000 people were newly infected with HIV.

***The Program Areas:***

- Prevention
- Strategic Information
- Laboratory Strengthening
- Health Systems Strengthening

The focus of this Technical Assistance (TA) program model is to expand partner countries' capacity to plan, oversee, finance, and manage their national response to HIV and AIDS and to deliver quality services with the participation of local civil society, groups of persons living with HIV/AIDS (PLWHA) and the private sector. Support to national public health programs and to non-government organizations in the region will focus on improving collaboration at the national level and with regional programs.

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Countries Of the Caribbean Regional Program:

- Antigua & Barbuda
- Bahamas
- Barbados
- Belize
- Dominica
- Grenada
- Jamaica
- St. Kitts & Nevis
- St. Lucia
- St. Vincent & the Grenadines
- Suriname
- Trinidad & Tobago

***Regional Partners:***

- The Organisation of Eastern Caribbean States (OECS)
- Pan-American Partnership against HIV/AIDS (PANCAP)